



August 7, 2024

VIA ECF

The Honorable Ronnie Abrams
United States District Court Judge
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall, United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Josefina Marine*, 22-cr-91 (RA)

Dear Judge Abrams:

On May 15, 2024, I was appointed to represent defendant Josefina Marine as independent CJA counsel to advise Ms. Marine with regard to her guilty plea. Over the past few months, I have reviewed the procedural history of the case and additional discovery, and I have had several consultations with Ms. Marine. Ms. Marine has requested that I be appointed as substitute counsel for her current counsel, John Russo. I have conferred with both the Government and Mr. Russo, who would have no objection to the proposed substitution of counsel. I therefore respectfully request a substitution of counsel conference as per the Court's Individual Rules, and appointment as Ms. Marine's counsel under the Criminal Justice Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kristen M. Santillo

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A substitution of counsel conference is scheduled for August 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Russo is directed to attend.

SO ORDERED.

Ronnie Abrams, U.S.D.J.
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